

REMARKS

1. In response to Examiner's requirement of restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14 and 19-33, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 15-18 and 34-36 have been canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other action as deemed necessary with respect to the non-elected groups.

2. The elected claims have been amended to correct typographical/grammatical errors and to delete limitations directed to tube diameters less than 28 mm.

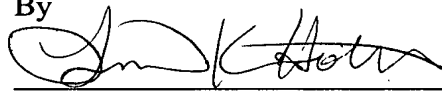
3. Replacement sheets for the drawings are also being presented with this Amendment and include formal drawings to replace the hand drawings previously submitted.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement sheets 1/5 through 5/5